

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Unit : 1647 Customer No.: 035811
Examiner : Robert S. Landsman
Serial No. : 09/704,319
Filed : November 2, 2000
Inventors : Hiroo Kumagai Docket No.: 1514-00
 : Takao Saruta
Title : METHOD FOR EXAMINING DISEASE Confirmation No.: 4918

Dated: January 6, 2005

CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 24, 2004 from November 24, 2004 to January 24, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$450 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

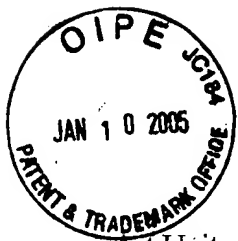
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Claim of Extension of Time, in duplicate

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